

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SCHOLARSHIPS TO SCS/STS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry sponsors/ sends large number of students/ academicians abroad to the reputed educational institutions under the British Council visitorship and commonwealth scholarships/ fellowships scheme under cultural exchange programmes every year;
- (b) if so, the number of students/ academician sponsored/ sent abroad under the said schemes during the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) the number of persons belonging to SC/ST category among them and their percentage as compared to the total number; and
- (d) the reasons for not sponsoring /sending the adequate number of persons belonging to SCs/STs under these programmes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLIMANO HAR JOSHI)

(a) A limited number of students, as finally selected by the donor countries go abroad each year under the Commonwealth Scholarship/ Fellowship Plan/ Cultural Exchange Programme. With regard to British Visitorship programme, the British Council Divisions/ British Deputy High Commission in India directly handle the programme and approach this Ministry to obtain clearance from political/FCRA angle only.

(b) Year	No. of Students sent abroad
1995-96	108
1996-97	102
1997-98	87
1998-99	92
1999-2000	73

(c) since the offer of scholarships are made by foreign countries, no reservation are made for any category and therefore, no information is compiled in this regard.

(d) Does not arise.